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MONITORING OF MOVEMENT OF OIL TANKERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a plan to install Global Positioning System (GPS) in tankers/trucks so as to check adulteration in petrol/diesel;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to the decrease adulteration in the diesel and petrol;

(c) if so, the total quantity of oil being directly supplied to petrol pumps by public sector companies;

(d) whether any scheme has been introduced for converting the big petrol pumps into automatic petrol pumps; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. With a view to checking diversion of subsidized kerosene and in order to monitor the movement of Tank Trucks transporting petroleum products, the Government have advised the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for installing Global Positioning System (GPS) based vehicle tracking system on all the tank trucks. OMCs have taken up the task of providing GPS to the tank trucks in a phased manner. The essential feature of the system is that the vehicle carrying PDS SKO is fitted with a device which enables tracking of the vehicle movement on real time basis from the time it leaves the supply location till it reaches the destination.

(c): Public Sector OMCs supply petrol and diesel to retail outlets on delivered basis through tank trucks owned by dealers, contractors and the OMCs. During the year 2006-07, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have supplied 8686 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) of Petrol and 31367 TMT of Diesel to their retail outlets.

(d) & (e): In order to monitor the activities at retail outlets by adopting the latest technological improvements, Government has directed the public sector OMCs to undertake automation of retail outlets selling more than 200 KL per month. OMCs have already commenced the automation of these outlets in a phased manner and the same is expected to be completed during 2007-08.